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the alleged intention of the Yugoslav authorities at Belgrade to dissolve the Committee of Albanian emigres established some time ago in Yugoslavia because the leaders thereof "displayed a too nationalist Albanian attitude." These same sources expect that the Belgrade authorities will shortly organize a new Committee which will "recognize Yugoslav pretensions to Northern Albanian territory."

500 Albanian refugees have recently crossed into Yugoslavia from Albania and that included among these refugees are several fairly important political figures. [] expect that the Yugoslavs will make use of these political figures to establish a new Albanian Committee or to reorganize the old Committee and believe that it is quite likely that any new Albanian refugee committee sponsored by Belgrade would recognize Yugoslav claims on Albania.

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